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Dick:

My great thanks to you and for taking the time to come over and give us such a thorough and enlightening briefing on NSA's planning process. We found your system most informative—the problems not unlike the ones we now face and anticipate—but it was good to know that someone has been down that dusty road first and has made it work.

I'm sorry that the Senate got in the way for the first few minutes but you were certainly able, albeit by sacrificing your steak, to cram a great deal in the time that was left.

I know it's not an easy journey between NSA and Langley and back which makes my expression of thanks all the more necessary. Good luck--stay in touch. I hope we can ring your bell in the future.

Regards,

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